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SUBJ: DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT AND ANGOLA

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1. GEORGE POHLI OF DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT SALES OFFICE, ROME, HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT DOUGLAS HAS HAD TALKS WITH MPLA REPRESENTATIVE FOR SALE OF DC-9'S BUT DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. SOME PRESS STORIES APPEARING HERE ALLEGE THAT CIA HAD KIDNAPPED OR ELIMINATED DOUGLAS SALESMAN KENNETH GILL, TO PREVENT COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS. POHLI STATED THAT GILL IS ALIVE AND
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WELL IN SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH IS ONE STOP ON AN AFRICAN SALES

ITINERARY, AND THAT GILL IS STAYING AWAY FROM LUANDA.
ITALIAN POLICE REQUESTED A DEPOSITION FROM POHLI IN
REACTION TO THE PRESS STORIES.

3. POHLI SPECULATED THAT CHARGES AGAINST THE US GOVERNMENT
ARE BEING MADE TO JUSTIFY THE ACQUISITION OF SOVIET
AIRCRAFT. EMBOFF ENCOURAGED POHLI TO RELEASE DOUGLAS'
SIDE OF THE STORY TO ITALIAN AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS.
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